

Billy Lush Says Leagues Are Developing a New Type of Men.

STUDENTS RECEIVE BEST OF COACHING

University Training Now Equal to That Afforded by a Term in Minors.

Professional league baseball teams are going to call on college trained players more and more to fill their ranks, is the opinion of Billy Lush, for almost a decade coach of the baseball teams at Yale and now head coach of the Columbia University nine.

Furthermore, according to Lush, college men are fast losing that feeling of reserve which has kept so many university stars from embarking on a career in the big leagues. As shining examples of the new type of professional ball players, Eddie Collins, of the Athletics; Charley Steterson, late of the Yankees; George Davis, also late of the Yankees; Jack Combs, of the Athletics, and a host of others are cited.

That the college man is destined to wield a big influence in the professional game is due, according to Lush, to several important factors, the greatest of which is that for the four years preceding his bow into professional ranks he gets a training in the national game from coaches, who are selected with as much care as the college selects a professor of Greek or mathematics.

The other big factor is that college baseball is getting better every year, the competition is getting keener, and the men on the teams play better baseball. The victories which college nines have won over minor league teams is convincing evidence that the caliber of baseball played in the college is already on a par with that of the minor league teams, and oftentimes is a great deal better.

Brown and Yale, among others, won from professional teams last spring. There can be no doubt as to the better coaching which college nines are receiving now over that which they got fifteen or twenty years ago. Nowadays it is the tried and efficient ballplayer who is appointed, coach of the nine, and as his assistants he has men who do nothing but coach the battery candidates and sometimes, even, he has a special assistant for the infielders.

It is small wonder that the average college man who has taken a "course" in baseball under one of these modern instructors does not pick up as much knowledge of the game as the minor league gets in several seasons. If he has inherent ability at all it is brought out by the college coach, and he gets just about as much polishing as he would in a minor league.

As a matter of fact the college teams are a day or two ahead of the minor league teams in their preliminary training in the South, and they work up to their championship games with all the care and a great deal more zeal perhaps than the minor league nine works through the pennant race.

The caliber of baseball which the college team of to-day plays is not the slipshod, care-free play of twenty years back, and this is a fact which is borne out by the closeness of the scores in games between big and small college teams alike. This trend has been growing more noticeable from year to year, although Yale with its wonderful nine last season was an exception in that the Ells ran up the score in three games to eighteen runs.

This is indeed a far cry from the record tally of eighty-eight runs which Lafayette made against Lehigh away back in 1872. Remembering that the average number of runs made by the Yale nine last year was a trifle under seven a game, the fact that the Pennsylvania ran up a score of twenty-six runs against Harvard in 1924 and that scores up in the twenties were by no means uncommon in the early days, seems to indicate that the quality of college baseball has improved. In fact, it is not twenty years ago since Yale made thirty-one runs against the University of Chicago.

The general improvement in college baseball is not confined to any one branch of the game, for it is as noticeable in fielding and base running as it is in pitching. Like all college sports, the game is played seriously, and although the average student who desires to play is neglected, the one who has shown any aptitude for the sport gets as much specialized training as if he were on a nine in organized baseball.

Not only is the coach oftentimes the equal, if not the superior, of the professional manager, but the equipment is in many cases far superior to that of the struggling professional nine.

On the other hand, says the Columbia coach, the vast expenditures which are made each year on baseball in the leading colleges are not justified in view of the relatively small number of students who, under the present system, are encouraged to play the game. According to figures recently gathered for the National Collegiate Athletic Association by Professor H. S. Wingert, of the University of Indiana, American colleges and universities spend annually a sum in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 for organized intercollegiate athletics, while for athletics in which the average student may participate the expenditures amount to only \$75,000.

These figures are the more striking when, as Dr. Wingert points out, the number of students on whom the \$75,000 is spent is almost ten times as great as the number which receives the benefit of the \$1,000,000.

SELLS SEALYHAM TERRIERS

Mrs. M. Holmes-Willets Parts with Billtaft and Becky.

Mrs. M. Holmes-Willets has sold two of her Sealyham terrier homebodies which were shown at the Westminster Kennel Club show last week. They are Billtaft, the winner of the puppy class, and Becky, a promising young lady seven months old. Billtaft will leave for a private life from now on, as he is intended only as an ornament. He is to be sold to William Bodin, of Boston. Becky went to Philadelphia, to live in the kennels of Mrs. Mather, who intends to use her as a brood matron.

STORAGE BATTERY CARS.

In New York City one of the street railway companies is now operating 120 battery propelled cars, each with a seating capacity of twenty-eight persons. The average travel of these cars is between sixty and seventy miles a day. Electrical World.

Yale Resents Charge That Its Athletic Prowess Is Waning

Satiric Verse of Graduate Moves "Daily News" to Defend Changes in University.

"To-day we are the animals in the Zoo, the exhibit in the museum, the objects under the microscope," says "The Yale Daily News" in satirical comment on the criticism which has been aimed at Yale athletics recently.

The paper prints a poem entitled "The Grad's Lament," which was sent in by a graduate of '89 "with the information that it expresses the feelings of the Yale alumni toward the student body."

The poem seems to strike a false note, but it is amusing enough to be worth reprinting, particularly as the charge of "feminism" certainly seems startling when applied to Yale.

THE GRAD'S LAMENT.
In days of yore Yale's football
Was very rough and crude.
They used to treat old Harvard
Like so much breakfast food;
And rolling down to Mory's
The sweated seniors came,
Roaring with booze and victory
After the Harvard game.

But now the sons of Eli
Are gentle and refined,
When Harvard makes a touchdown
They try hard not to mind.
When stepped upon by Colgate
Yale students never swear,
Some go and plunge in cooling
Some go and do their hair.

I love such sweet refinement
All rudeness I abhor;
I hope Yale wins the tattering
From Yassar and Bryn Mawr.
But when it comes to football
I think I'll save my bets,
Lest some coarse Harvard person
Should slap New Haven's pets.

"The News" admits that Yale of to-day is not the Yale of old, but maintains that any changes which have come about have been for the best. Its comment on the poem is as follows:

"In short, the good old days of sweated seniors roaring with booze are over. Yale has become effeminate. We can see how the gentleman could easily be made to believe this—if he lived very far away, never visited the university, broke off all communication with the faculty, failed to meet representative undergraduates, looked at the sporting pages of a paper, saw that Yale had lost a football game, groaned, and sent in the above effusion."

"Studies are not so often looked upon as a necessary evil these days. He does not know that graduates who have returned to New Haven and know of conditions to-day are delighted with the improvement in the moral tone of the university."

"Of old, Yale had force and vitality. To-day she has force and vitality plus a certain amount of culture, appreciation and refinement of taste—evidently, to the poet, a lamentable state of affairs—that are making her less and less a stiffer of the individual, and more and more an inspiration for original thought."

"In Yale teams on the field, successful or unsuccessful, in Yale undergraduates in the classroom or in the office, our graduate will find the same solid, virile qualities that have been characteristic of those that have gone before. This is no time for the croaking of the pessimist."

"The Cornell Daily Sun," in an editorial, defends Cornell from the charge of

Vivian Nickalls, the new instructor of the Pennsylvania crew, who intimated that the Cornell coach was in favor of a two-mile race because he thought his crews would have a better chance of victory.

The editorial declares that Courtney is not in favor of a two-mile race, but would fix the distance at three miles.

According to the statement of the college paper, the result of the race last year had nothing to do with the demand for a shorter race. It quotes the following statement of Courtney as an expression of his opinion in the matter:

"The amount of training necessary in order to get a crew on racing edge is in direct proportion to the length of the race. That is to say, only about half the work is required to get ready for a two-mile race that is necessary to prepare for a four-mile race."

"Although personally I do not believe in the four-mile race for college crews, I am not in sympathy with the writers who talk about the 'deadly fourth mile.' Any crewman can be trained into condition to row four miles without injury to his health, but so much training is required that with an undergraduate crew man either his university work or his training must suffer."

"Since a student cannot attend to both properly and since we cannot afford to have the four-mile event result disastrously to the crew, the university work must be the part to be slighted."

"I have seldom seen a four-mile race where the outcome would have been different had the race been for three miles. But it would take 25 per cent less time to prepare for the three mile, and, after all, boys come to college primarily to get an education, of which athletics should be only a minor part."

"The argument, in brief," says "The Cornell Sun," "is that a three-mile race is less of a strain, does not require so much time in training and furnishes as good and decisive a race. We base our opinion on the same grounds."

"The charge of self-interest is absurd. In fact, it may interest non-Cornellians to know that one of the main reasons that we favor the change is the protection of the crew men of other universities, for Mr. Courtney is as great a trainer as he is a coach. He can tell if a man cannot stand the four-mile grind, and he will not let such a man row in a Cornell shell."

"But there may be other coaches who are not keen enough judges of men and their condition to do this, and, for this reason, or on account of a win-at-any-cost spirit, may allow unprepared men to row, with possible lifelong harm. A four-mile race is not to be trifled with by an inexperienced coach or untrained men."

Despite the fact that Columbia has two more meets on its swimming schedule plans were laid last week for a revival in swimming and water polo on Morningside Heights next fall. Although the Columbia water polo team this year was one of the strongest that the Blue and White has had in several seasons, the swimmers were weak and failed to win a single contest. This fact is responsible for the outlining of a scheme which it is hoped will lead to the development of several stars next winter.

Practice will begin with the opening of the university in September, and the first

Old Virility Remains, Says Student Publication, but "Culture" Is Added.

six weeks will be devoted to a series of dual meets in a round-robin tournament between the classes. Medals are to be awarded to the individual members of the championship team, and in view of the fact that swimming will be compulsory for students taking physical education it is believed that some fast men will be turned out.

The teams will be handicapped in water polo in order that each class will have an equal chance in the tournament. At the beginning of each game the freshmen will be allowed ten points, the sophomores and juniors six, and the seniors will be on scratch.

Princeton held its first "spring" football practice last week in the gymnasium. Herring was in charge of the work, which consisted of elementary tactics and simple drill. Practice will continue every day for the next two weeks. Special attention will be paid to open formations and the forward pass.

Inquiries among college hockey captains recently reveal the fact that a majority of them are in favor of the change to six-man teams. Heron, of Princeton, and Milbank, of Columbia, declared themselves against the innovation, but R. M. Kimball, of Amherst; M. D. McLeod, of M. I. T.; D. W. Jones, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and O. M. Clark, of Cornell, all expressed themselves in favor of the change.

Supporting the ancient contention that there is nothing new under the sun comes a statement from the South that a hidden ball trick in football was not new or the child of Glenn Warner's brain when his Carlisle Indian eleven sprang the trick on Harvard, several years ago.

According to a player in the game, the trick of hiding a football under a player's jersey was first tried in the Auburn-Vanderbilt contest of 1895. In telling of the origin of this football play he said recently:

"This play was first used in the Auburn-Vanderbilt game in 1895, which was played in a sea of mud and a driving rain, and by the use of this trick I succeeded in getting away for a sixty-yard run and a touchdown, which, by the way, was the only touchdown we made in the game and the only touchdown I scored during my football career."

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Robert A. Fairbairn, who has been chairman of the executive committee for some years, resigned that position because of press of other duties, and in his place Alfred B. MacLay was elected. The other members of the executive committee are L. J. R. Munn, vice-chairman; Colonel Henry Allen, William H. Moore, Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Horace White.

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